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MISSOULA--

More than 160 students are attending University of Montana (UM) extension classes at Carroll College, Helena, and Flathead Community College (FCC), Kalispell, this summer.

Dr. James F. Hall, UM coordinator of extension and continuing education, said the classes are being offered to fulfill the University's function of providing "a vigorous program of service as a part of its responsibility to the state and nation."

Twenty courses are being offered to undergraduates in the FCC Resident Extension Credit Program. At the Kalispell college, over 60 students work for credit applicable at UM in art, business, communications, English literature and composition, mathematics, science, social science and education.

Extension instructors are members of the college staff or educators from school systems in the Flathead Valley.

"By instituting the program in Kalispell," Dr. Hall said, "a promise is being kept to the directors of Glacier College, an extinct two-year school in Kalispell."

Glacier College brought the first college level classes to the Flathead three years ago, operating the past two summers under the sponsorship of Whitworth College, Spokane.

According to J. Torrance Harvey, chairman of Glacier College Board, "It is now our intention to phase out our work and let the extension program of the University of Montana fill the local need for college students at junior, senior and graduate levels."

Carroll College, a four-year liberal arts institution is offering graduate extension credits only. C.W. Huber, director of the summer term there, said about 100 students are enrolled in nine workshops and seven courses.

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The courses are taught by the Carroll faculty on appointment by the University's extension service.

Dr. Hall said he is working on an "in-service" program of continuing education for the 1969-70 academic year. This program would involve classes conducted and taught in public schools.